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SUBJ: IMSS CHARGES AGAINST PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES.

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1. IMSS CHARGES AGAINST PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES WERE GIVEN TOP COVERAGE IN MEXICAN PRESS UNTIL DISPLACED BY JLP VISIT TO WASHINGTON. FIRST REPORTS BALANCED STATEMENTS BY IMSS DIRECTOR FARRELL AND PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY SPOKESMEN BUT SUBSEQUENT STORIES GENERALLY ASSUMED ACCUSED WERE GUILTY. GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED DIA AND NACIONAL TIED STORY TO MULTINATIONAL THEME. BY WEEK-END, MORE RESPONSIBLE PAPERS SUCH AS NOVEDADES AND SOL GAVE MORE COVERAGE TO DEFENDANTS' STORY.

2. IMSS CASE GAVE RENEWED IMPETUS TO CALLS BY LABOR LEADERS AND POLITICIANS FOR NATIONALIZATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH EXCELSIOR EDITORIALIZED ON NON-FEASIBILITY AS MEXICO NOT IN POSITION TO PROVIDE TECHNOLOGY AND RAW MATERIALS.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY'S RELATIONS WITH GOM HAVE RANGED FROM POOR TO HOSTILE IN RECENT MONTHS: FROM INDUSTRY'S POINT  
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OF VIEW BECAUSE OF THE ENACTMENT OF LAW ON PATENTS AND TRADE-MARKS, GOVERNMENT FORMATION OF COMPANY TO COMMERCIALIZE BARBASCO (PROQUIVEMEX), CHRONIC LATE PAYMENTS BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS IMSS AND ISSSTE TO PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIERS, AND LACK OF GOM ACTION ON PRICE INCREASE REQUESTS; WHILE GOVERNMENT RESENTS INDUSTRY'S CONTINUING RELIANCE ON IMPORTS, AND THE PREDOMINANT ROLE OF U.S., GERMAN AND SWISS LABS IN MEXICAN

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